REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending; claim 4 is withdrawn from consideration; claims 5-17 are allowed and claims 1-3 are rejected. Claims 1-3 are cancelled hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,810,965 (Fujiwara et al.), Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 2.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujiwara et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,018,241 (White et al.), Applicant has cancelled claim 3.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-17 are allowed, for which the Examiner is thanked by the Applicant.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

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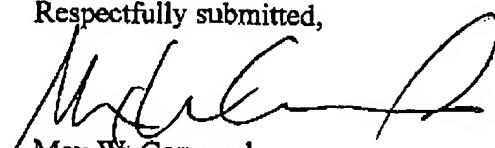
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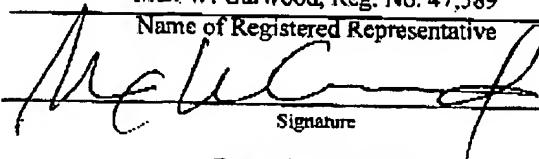
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